As we emerge from the worst economic crisis in three-quarters of a century, it is clear that economic recovery and job creation will come from our small businesses. Small businesses employ more than half of all workers in the private sector and generate 60 to 80 percent of the new jobs in this country. Yet, when Rep. Holt meets with small business leaders, they tell him they continue to face challenges to access the credit they need to expand. Rep. Holt is working to help small businessmen and women cut through red tape. Earlier this year, he brought together more than 100 small business leaders for an "Access to Capital Workshop," connecting them with officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority. Participants learned how they can benefit from existing state and federal loan programs.

Click <u>here</u> to read about SBA and other federal programs. Click <u>here</u> to read about New Jersey loan programs. Additional information can be found on the Small Business Assistance <u>webpage</u>